

Bipartisan Medicare Hospice Access Care Act introduced

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Representatives Mike Thompson (CA-1) and Lee Terry (NE-2) introduced bipartisan legislation increasing rural communities' access to high quality health care. The bipartisan "Medicare Hospice Access Care Act," allows physician assistants to care for Medicare hospice patients.

"No matter who you are or where you live, everyone deserves access to high quality health care," said Thompson. "This legislation will allow Medicare patients to continue seeing the health care provider they know, are comfortable with, and that understands their health history. Entering hospice should not mean losing the health care provider a patient has come to depend on."

"This is a common sense step for American health care. Medicare patients in rural parts of our great country should have the same freedom of choice as Medicare patients in America's cities. Our legislation ensures this, guaranteeing uninterrupted hospice benefits to seniors in medically underserved communities," said Terry.

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